

HOUSE BILL 1903

By Hensley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,  
Chapter 6, relative to age for school attendance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-201(b)(3), is amended by  
adding the following language at the end of the subdivision:

provided, however, that an LEA may, on a case-by-case basis, permit a child who has  
not reached five (5) years of age by September 30 of the current kindergarten term to  
enter kindergarten if the child's parent requests early entrance and the LEA determines  
that early entrance is in the best interest of the child.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3001(b), is amended by adding  
the following language as a new subdivision (4):

(4) Notwithstanding any provision of subsection (a) or this subsection (b) to the  
contrary, an LEA may, on a case-by-case basis, permit a child who has not reached five  
(5) years of age by September 30 of the current kindergarten term to enter kindergarten  
if the child's parent requests early entrance and the LEA determines that early entrance  
is in the best interest of the child.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.